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## **LOCAL KIDS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES BENEFIT FROM MONTROSEACCESS'S NEW STRATHPINE OFFICE**

Raising a child with a physical disability can be a demanding and challenging experience for both the child and their family. There are ongoing specialist and doctor's appointments, long distance travel and specialised equipment required to assist with their daily life.

MontroseAccess is making their lives a little easier by opening a new office in Strathpine.

The new Strathpine Office will provide services to over 100 clients and their families living throughout northern Brisbane, Caboolture, Redcliffe and Bribie Island.

MontroseAccess provides hands-on disability management to its clients via physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, speech pathology, in-home and out-home respite, recreation, orthotics, hydrotherapy and access to mobility equipment - in order to effectively manage each child's condition.

The new office will provide many benefits for clients and families, including:

- Having a centre which families can use for service provision and to meet other families.
- Being able to provide a wider range of services, such as group activities and treatment clinics.
- Being able to attract and retrain local staff.

The Strathpine Office will accommodate two service teams - the Early Childhood Team and Pine Rivers Team.

The Early Childhood Team was established at the beginning of this year to assist with the increased number of young children between the ages of 0-4 years missing out on vital therapy services. The new program and office is mainly funded by Disability Services Queensland (DSQ).

Due to the increase of clients living within the northern suburbs of Brisbane and Pine River district, MontroseAccess saw the opportunity to move our Pine Rivers Team to Strathpine. The Pine Rivers team comprises therapists from MontroseAccess who provide general therapy and support services to our clients who live in Pine Rivers and surrounding areas.

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